

RADIO STAMPS
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Hello again, and welcome to the June edition of Radio Stamps. This is program 23, and the subject today is radio stations on stamps.

It's great to be back, and I hope you're listening to this program on the first Saturday of the month, when Radio Stamps is normally scheduled here on the DX Partyline Program of HCJB. Over the winter months programs 19 and 21 were delayed, and I hope now that I've got all the postal problems solved. During the past month I've been away from home a great deal on business, and the production of today's program was held over until June.

A special thanks to everyone who recently sent me a post card or letter. The mail in the past month was received here from Italy, Nigeria, Sweden, the United States and Wales. Radio Stamps is a volunteer project, and your interest in the program is appreciated very much. Your comments and suggestions for improvements are always welcome.

On today's program we're travelling to India to collect a distinctive postage stamp for a jubilee anniversary. Broadcasting in India was established in 1927 by a private company in Calcutta and Bombay. It was taken over by the Government of India in 1930, then, in 1936, the Department of Broadcasting assigned the present, well known name of All India Radio. The 25th anniversary of AIR was celebrated in 1961 by a special commemorative stamp with a denomination of 15 rupees. The design of this lovely blue stamp features two radio towers, with accompanying radio waves, in white, along with the logo for All India Radio. The wording in English, along the top, reads "Silver Jubilee, All India Radio". The date of issue, June 8, 1961, is also featured above the AIR logo. The Scott catalogue number for this commemorative stamp is 342.

An attractive first day cover was issued in India as well for this anniversary stamp in 1961. The blue and purple cachet, on the left side of the cover, is a stylized version of the AIR logo, where the "I" is a large radio tower with radio waves. The first-day-of-issue cancellation, in black, also features a radio tower, with the English inscription "All India Radio", "Silver Jubilee". The first day cancellation on my cover is from

Lucknow, spelled L-u-c-k-n-o-w. I'd be pleased to learn if there are first-day-of-issue cancellations from other Indian centres as well. Drop me a line and I'll include your news in an upcoming program. I'll give you my mailing address at the end of this feature. This attractive combination of commemorative postage stamp, cachet and cancellation would certainly make a great addition to your collection.

I hope you notice the improvement in the audio quality of today's program. It was recorded at Lakeside Studios at Clayton Lake near Almonte. With me today at the controls is Randall Prescott, better known for his recent award here in Canada as record producer of the year. A special thanks to Randall Prescott at Lakeside Studios for the great new sound of the Radio Stamps program.

The Radio Stamps program is sponsored this year by the North American Shortwave Association. The club is underwriting the mailing costs of this volunteer program on HCJB. The North American Shortwave Association has membership across Canada and the United States, and around the world. The club produces the monthly Journal, and a sample copy is available for only \$2. If you'd like to write to the club, here's the address: North American Shortwave Association, 45 Wildflower Road, Levittown, spelled L-e-v-i-t-t-o-w-n, in Pennsylvania, or PA for short. The zip code in the United States is 19507. The address again is the North American Shortwave Association, 45 Wildflower Road, Levittown, PA, 19507, U.S.A.

That's all for today. As promised, here's my mailing address. Neil Carleton, that's spelled N-e-i-l C-a-r-l-e-t-o-n, P.O. Box 1644, Almonte, spelled A-1-m-o-n-t-e, Ontario, spelled O-n-t-a-r-i-o. The postal code here in Canada is KOA 1AO. The address again is Neil Carleton, P.O. Box 1644, Almonte, Ontario, KOA 1AO, Canada.

Until the next time, best wishes for good listening and collecting.